(b) and (c) The question considerable workload for any agent would not arise as all General Sales Agents are expected to serve the airline effectively in the areas specified as under:

(1) servicing of passengers and sub-agents;

(2) effecting reservations for passengers for their travel;

(3) issuance of tickets against collection of payments;

(4) submission of sales reports to the airline every fortnight along with payments on due dates, i.e. twice monthly;

(5) assisting passengers for any change in reservations and processing refunds for unutilised portion of the tickets.

**Menance of aids in kovam coast**

1806. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace of AIDS in Kovalam Coast from the foreign tourists and contamination from garments; and

(b) if so what preventive measures Government propose to take to check the disease?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Surveillance on the disease is being kept. State Directorate of Health Services, the Incharges of S.T.D. Clinics, Incharge of State Health Education Bureaus and Incharge of Blood Banks of the country have been alerted time and again to keep in mind the signs and symptoms of the disease and report as and when such suspect cases occur.

In order to arouse public awareness especially high risk groups like homosexuals and blood donors the State Health Education Bureaus have been requested to provide the requisite health education to those attending STD Clinics, Blood Banks etc.

Instructions have been issued to Medical and technical personnel to use adequate sterile injection equipment for medical purposes; blood and plasma organisations should provide relevant information about AIDS to intending donors to promote and encourage voluntarily self evaluation policy.

Time and again instructions are issued to State|UTs Health authorities to keep strict watch on AIDS. They are also provided relevant material on AIDS as and when received from World Health Organisation and other agencies doing research on AIDS outside the country.

**Rail link between Ahmedabad and Hyderabad**

1807. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide a direct railway link between Ahmedabad and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Blackmarketing in railway reservations**

1808. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unabated blackmarketing in the railway reservations at the New Delhi/Delhi railway stations in connivance with the travel agents despite the various measures claimed to have been taken by Government to check it; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to identify the railway officials and the travel agents involved in the racket to curb the growing menace